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LIBERTARIANS PROTEST BUSH AT CALTECH

On June 14 (Flag Day), President Bush traveled to Pasadena to give the 100th Commencement address at the California Institute of Technology (CalTech). On hand to greet him were several groups of protesters, including about two dozen Libertarian activists.

Led by Libertarian presidential contender **Richard "Dick" Boddie**, the group carried signs such as "Just Say NO to Big Government," "Kiss Our Hips, No New Taxes," "Even Quayle Would Be Better," and "Send Bush Back to China," all urging people to vote Libertarian. Boddie was interviewed by KNX radio, and two Spanish-speaking LP members were interviewed by Spanish language TV station 52. The protest organizer, Los Angeles County chair **Ted Brown**, was quoted in the Pasadena *Star-News* before the demonstration regarding our reasons for protesting the president's visit.

Other groups such as the Pro-Choice Task Force, Veterans for Peace, and ACT-UP were demonstrating down the street, so only Libertarians were standing at the intersection of Hill and California Streets as the presidential motorcade drove by. Pasadena police ordered us to move 100 feet down the street to be out of sight of the president's limousine, but we refused. **Jerry Collette** asked the officer on what authority the demonstrators were being told to move. The officer cited a federal statute. "Does that statute supersede the Bill of Rights?" Collette inquired. "No," responded the officer. "Well, we're here under the authority of the Bill of Rights, and we're staying," Collette replied.



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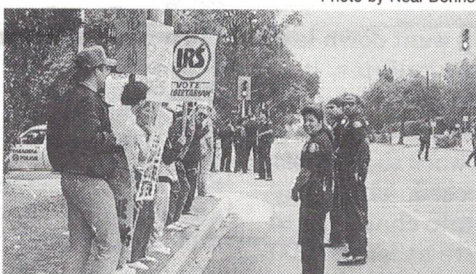


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Within five minutes a convoy of police cars and a paddy wagon swept up to the curb. The Libertarians began to chant, "We won't move! We won't move!" The Pasadena police apparently wished to avoid a confrontation, so they formed a line in the street opposite the Libertarians, who were lined up on the sidewalk. They left without incident after the motorcade went by.

Four Libertarians went inside the stadium to hear the president's speech. Among other things, Bush insisted, "I am not a government basher," in response to critics of his social policies, and stated that his administration favors an appropriate role for federal assistance to help

solve the nation's domestic woes. "I'm not against government *per se*," he said.

Two Libertarians were among 19 people detained by police during the speech. Region 61 vice chair **Mark Simon**, offended by Bush's praise of the Persian Gulf War, yelled "Murderer!" and flipped off the "leader of the free world." He was later handcuffed and kept in a van until the speech was over. Simon said, "I didn't break any laws, but I just don't respect authority." **Paul Hannosh**, another Libertarian who was with the Veterans for Peace group, was also escorted away by the police. "I thought it was disgusting," he said of Bush's appearance. "He's using CalTech's brilliance in scientific engineering to make more effective weapons. This is a university dedicated to people, not (dedicated to) destroying them." CalTech declined to press charges against any of the 19 detainees. **CLNews**

WE NEED YOU—FOR CAMPAIGN '92

The Libertarian Party of California is looking for at least 154 freedom-loving individuals to run for office in 1992. Both U. S. Senate seats, 52 U. S. House seats (7 of them newly added after the census), 20 State Senate seats, and all 80 State Assembly seats are up for grabs. The Legislature will be reapportioning all the districts later this year, so we don't know yet which district you live in. It doesn't really matter, since most incumbents are worth challenging.

Running for office does not mean a large commitment of time and money. In fact, it is better not to run a very active campaign. The important thing is to have a Libertarian alternative on the ballot. Voters may be afraid to support our presidential nominee, but they are likely to be more daring voting for lower offices. All a Libertarian candidate should expect to do is: (1) get on the ballot (not very difficult in most areas—filing starts in January 1992); (2) answer questions from the news media and special interest groups; and (3) attend candidates'

forums if lucky enough to be invited. There is no need to mortgage your house, quit your job, and campaign full time. (Unless you can raise \$500,000 or more, of course, and then you would have a chance to win!)

If you are interested in running, please contact Campaign '92 Director **Ted Brown** at (818) 568-8404 or your county chair (see page 7). If there are not enough volunteers, you are likely to be called by the campaign director or one of his volunteers urging you to take the plunge.



FROM THE CHAIR

Pat Wright

The LPC's glossy, professional brochure is out! Our mailing to the 10,000 newest registered Libertarian voters will have gone out by the time you receive this newsletter. **Steve Alexander** has worked hard writing the brochure and sales letter, and extracting the names from our data base of almost 50,000 registered Libertarians. And I have worked hard calling Steve once a week to nag him to work faster!

Future mailings can now go out faster. In fact, I already have a letter ready for the National Taxpayers Union. All we need now is the money to send it out. If the NTU has 17,800 members and contributors in California, the LPC should not be languishing at the 2,000 range.

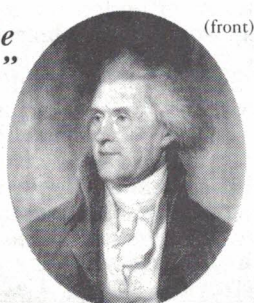
But languishing we are. Membership went down last month. Since memberships expire every quarter, it is natural that every third month our numbers may go down. 119 people failed to renew last quarter. I know who they are and where they live! I will work to get most of them back and I intend to succeed, since my campaign promise when running for state chair was to double our membership. If we don't have at least 3,000 members by next February, I will be very embarrassed; but I still think 4,000 members is a reachable goal. (Remember, if each current member signs up just one friend or relative, the goal will be met.)

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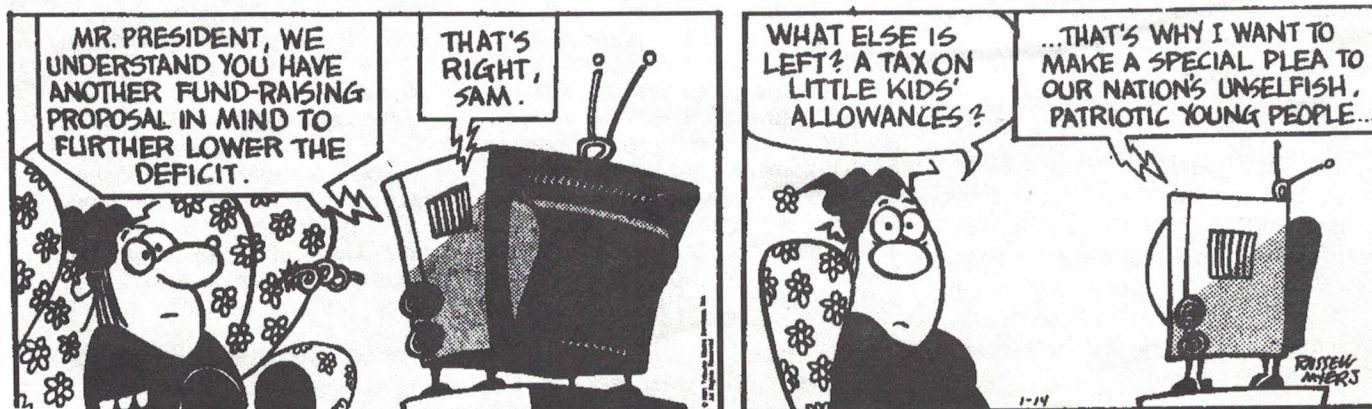


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BROOM-HILDA By Russell Myers



BILLS TO OPPOSE

The following legislation has already passed one house of the state legislature and will soon go to the other. "AB" means it passed the Assembly and will go to the Senate, "SB" means it passed the Senate and will go to the Assembly. You can write your Assemblymen and Senators at **State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814** to express your displeasure:

SB 1124 by Senator Robert Presley (D-Riverside) extends authority to conduct covert wiretaps to "peace officers" employed by state agencies such as the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Fish and Game.

SB 712 by Senator Bill Lockyer (D-Hayward) would make it a misdemeanor to sell tickets to a box office event for more than the box office price (scalping). The penalty would be up to one year in the county jail or a fine up to \$5,000 or both.

SB 741 by Senator Art Torres (D-Los Angeles) to ban the broadcast of commercials in television programs watched by students in the classroom.

SB 424 by Senator Quentin Kopp (I-San Francisco) to prohibit contributors to initiative campaigns from influencing the content of the ballot measure.

SB 799 by Senator Edward Royce (R-Anaheim) to authorize the courts to confiscate and sell the automobile of a person convicted of fleeing a police officer.

SB 1100 by Senator Marian Bergeson (R-Newport Beach) to ban public giveaway samples of tobacco products on public property.

AB 2076 by Assemblyman Byron Sher (D-Palo Alto) to require motorists to pay an extra nickel a quart for motor oil to help pay for a state program to recycle used oil.

AB 118 by Assemblyman Bob Epple (D-Norwalk) to make it a misdemeanor for a person who places an advertisement for a concert to fail to disclose any use of prerecorded music. This bill stems from the recent Milli Vanilli scandal.

AB 54 by Assemblyman Terry Friedman (D-Los Angeles) to require cities and counties to enact ordinances to protect trees from being cut down.

AB 123 (author unknown) to license tow truck operators after doing criminal background checks on them.

AB 494 by Assemblyman Robert Campbell (D-Richmond) to permit counties to increase boat registration fees from \$5 to \$12, with revenues earmarked for boating safety and enforcement purposes.

WILSON SIGNS HELMET LAW

"The welfare of the people in particular has always been the alibi of tyrants, and it provides the further advantage of giving the servants of tyranny a good conscience."

—Albert Camus, Nobel Prize-winning author

Gov. Pete Wilson signed a mandatory motorcycle helmet law in May, much to the distress of bikers and others concerned with freedom of choice. Libertarians strongly oppose the measure, just as we oppose other attacks on liberty in the name of public safety.

The author of the bill is Assemblyman Richard Floyd (D-Gardena). He won public and legislative support by saying the law will save taxpayers \$65-100 million per year in medical costs for head-injured motorcycle crash victims. He said that these figures came from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the San Francisco Injury Center for Research and Prevention, but both organizations deny that they provided these numbers. They say that reliable estimates of such costs do not even exist. However, MediCal only paid \$16 million last year for all head injuries, regardless of the cause. Thus, Floyd apparently used false data in gathering support from fellow legislators and Gov. Wilson.

In a letter that appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* and other California newspapers on May 29, LPC state chair **Pat Wright** took the helmet law to task:

I was disappointed but not surprised that Gov. Pete Wilson signed the mandatory motorcycle helmet law. Of all the assaults on our liberty that the politicians have given us recently, this one has extra meaning for me.

While attending junior and senior high school in California, I was among the first to have a moped. It was great transportation to and from school and work. The only problem was that for safety reasons my parents made me put a huge, ugly red flag on the bike. It was bad enough having one of the few mopeds on the road at the time, but the flag really made me stick out. I ended up walking to school and work most of the time, with the thought "When I grow up..."

Now that I am 32, my new parents, Wilson and (Assemblyman) Dick Floyd, have mandated that I wear a motorcycle helmet when riding a moped (mopeds are included in this law). While my real parents had the moral authority to force me to do things I didn't like, I do not acknowledge my governmental parents' authority to do the same. My compliments to the motorcyclist rights groups for telling their members not to sign any tickets and go through the court system. This will indeed prove to be an unenforceable law.

How tragic that as we prepare to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, Gov. Wilson and members of the Legislature are killing it. Benedict Arnold, move over for another traitor. And dear voters of California—please consider the Libertarian Party.

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EVERLING IN JULY 30 RUNOFF

Libertarian **Michael Everling** was one of 15 candidates in a June 4 special election to replace Assemblyman Mike Roos (D-Los Angeles). He ran 14th (beating out one of the Democrats), with 115 votes (0.53%), and will face Democrat Barbara Friedman, Republican Geoffrey Church, and Peace & Freedom candidate Elizabeth Nakano in a July 30 runoff election. Everling reports some news media coverage, plus attendance at several candidate forums where he was the only candidate to speak out against gun control.

Past experience shows that Libertarians generally do poorly vote-wise in special elections, due to the low voter turnout, but are able to generate attention for their views. Now that eleven Democrats have been eliminated, more votes should go our way in the upcoming runoff. To help with the Everling campaign, call (213) 487-5199.

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RADIO SHOW HITS AIRWAVES

Tom Cosgrove, chairman of the San Bernardino County LP, has contracted with radio station KHPY, 1530 AM, out of Moreno Valley in Riverside County, to air a half hour show each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. The show premieres June 23 and will give libertarian viewpoints on the issues of the day. Cosgrove is paying for the time himself, so he is looking for advertisers. If you are interested, or wish to submit an topic for discussion, contact Tom Cosgrove at P. O. Box 1327, Phelan, CA 92371, phone (619) 868-4461.

Last month we reported that Cosgrove had written the ballot argument against Measure E, which would have increased taxes in parts of San Bernardino County to pay for more parklands. On June 4, voters overwhelmingly rejected the tax hike, 9,731 (26%) to 27,639 (74%), effectively agreeing to the Libertarian argument. Good work, Tom!

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NEW PAPER HITS THE NEWSRACKS

Red Bluff has a new newspaper, the *Nor Cal Eagle*, whose motto is to "Preserve, Protect, and Defend our Constitution." It will inform readers about their rights under the constitution, and of the threats to our constitutional rights past and present.

A coalition of groups are involved in this venture. **Ross Crain**, chairman of the Tehama County LP, is the publisher and **Dolyne Keller**, editor of "The Liberty Bell" (the Shasta/Tehama LP newsletter), is the editor. Staff writer Kathleen Rowan represents the Tehama County Taxpayers Association. Writer Don Minges represents the Tehama County Arm, a branch of the National Association to Keep and Bear Arms. Crain, Keller, and **Jessica Strock** (chair of the Butte County LP) will be responsible for reporting the Libertarian Party news. Carson Bates and Vince Carlton are in charge of advertising, and Bates will also be representing the Constitutional Safeguard Forum.

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Fellow Libertarians:

As most of you are probably aware by now, Dick Boddie is seeking the nomination of our party to be the candidate for President of the United States. There is evidence that many rational Libertarians hope there will be other "prestigious" nominees (whether Libertarian/libertarian or not) to choose from on August 31.

I hope that I will be your choice, no matter who else seeks the nomination, and I ask your indulgence in my attempt to "prove" to you that you **must** support the Boddie for President campaign **now**, nominate Richard Benjamin Boddie as our candidate, and give significant support to this effort from September 1, 1991 all the way to November 3, 1992, if **you're** serious.

We have a unique opportunity in the months ahead considering the political climate in America today and the nominee—Dick Boddie.

WAKE UP!

As a rational, intelligent individual, you should stop and really consider the impact of the choice you make. Keep in mind that

IF YOU ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU ALWAYS DO,
YOU'LL ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU ALWAYS GET!

In his syndicated column in early May, Joseph Sobran, editor of the *National Review*, said:

"Mr. Boddie is Mr. Excitement. Truly, he is. He can electrify a crowd with both prepared remarks and spontaneous repartee. He has the ... gift for handling a crowd by alternating moral challenge with humor. His purpose in running (for president) is ...: He wants to make 'Libertarian' ... a household word ... and he insists he's just the man to do it."

"He comes across superbly on TV, quick witted ... magnetic. I've never seen a candidate who defined himself so sharply in a few seconds. If he gets the nomination, Mr. Boddie is sure to get the Libertarians more media exposure than they've ever had before ... Mr. Boddie's color ... would be an asset ... It comes down to whether the Libertarians should at this point think in terms of governing or just getting on the map."

In a letter to the editor of *LP News*, Warren P. Michelsen of Arizona states:

"Though I don't know anything about Marrou and Boddie except what I got from LP News, I still found it easy to choose between them ... I found most influential (Boddie's) question, 'Who can attract the most people to join the LP at the least cost?'"

"Before anyone can be attracted to join the LP, we must first get their attention... Mr. Marrou will be all too easy for the media to ignore. Richard Boddie ... would appear to be a black man. This is most definitely an asset ... to the LP. The guilt-ridden liberal media will feel compelled to pay attention to Mr. Boddie."

"Once we get peoples' attention, we can begin selling them the LP position. But first we must get their attention..."

Bill George of the *Perth Amboy (NJ) Gazette* (3/21/91) said, "Richard Boddie is 52, but you wouldn't know it from the electricity that fills the room when he speaks ... he's first and foremost a motivational speaker. He gets the juices flowing because his enthusiasm and self-confidence are contagious."

Dick Boddie is a Libertarian trained in law who teaches law, ethics and labor relations on the college level. He has been a television and radio show host, a banker, a business manager, and an entrepreneur.

Since February 1991, Dick Boddie has actively campaigned in about twenty states, appeared on several radio and television shows, and was featured in newspapers and magazines. His campaign has raised a substantial amount to stay in business, travel over 50,000 miles and support a staff of over ten people (thanks to many of you).

If you want to remain an unknown group of intellectual debaters who think they are a political party, then I'm not your man. However, if you want to make an impact in the world of politics in 1992, Make "Libertarian" a household word, and maybe even win it all in 1996, I'm your man.

We need your support, money and encouragement NOW and after Chicago. JUST DO IT!

Carpus diem (seize the day)
Dick Boddie

Guest Opinion

LIBERTY THROUGH THE JURY BOX, NOT BALLOT BOX by Randall Grindle

Getting a few percent of the vote for Libertarian candidates doesn't repeal a single odious law or tax. Electing a handful of Libertarians doesn't accomplish very much either. Our problem is that Libertarians only make up about 20% of the population, according to opinion surveys (though most of them don't know the word). It takes 50% plus one of the people or elected representatives to bring about change through the legislative or electoral process. Alternative parties rarely succeed in such a winner-take-all political system.

There is another part of our political process through which a libertarian society can be created right now—with support of only 8% of the people. That's because it only takes one Libertarian out of twelve jurors to vote "not guilty," thus "hanging" the jury and preventing statist from imposing unjust laws. The cumulative effect of that 8% of the people who are libertarians and will serve on juries in your community is a very practical means of stopping statist oppression dead in its tracks.

Here's how to do it: Just go down to your local county or city courthouse or any other public site and begin circulating Fully Informed Jury Amendment (FIJA) petitions and information. Those libertarians you inform can then go to work nullifying any anti-freedom laws in any future jury cases they sit on. As long as you don't represent an interest in any case being tried in court, the First Amendment free speech and petitioning provisions gives you the legal right to do so when you are working to qualify an initiative for the ballot.

The effectiveness of this tactic is that you don't need to win 50% electoral approval. Jurors already have the legal ability to nullify unjust laws. They just need to be educated about it. Libertarians can then bring anti-freedom laws and unfair taxes to the jury and hope that the jurors will be swayed by a passionate defense of liberty. It only takes one juror to "hang" the jury.

For more details on how to implement this plan, contact North Coast LP, P. O. Box 684, Lower Lake, CA 95457, phone (707) 994-4817.

Next month: CL News interviews Andre Marrou and Richard "Dick" Boddie, candidates for the Libertarian presidential nomination.

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NEW HOPE FOR THE 2ND AMENDMENT

by Bob Weber

"A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

—the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution

Libertarians believe that if the U. S. Constitution is to be of use in defending freedom, the power it grants the government must be limited as much as possible, while guarantees against government interference which it grants to the individual must be interpreted as broadly as possible.

Unfortunately, the 2nd Amendment is one guarantee against government power which some people would like to interpret as narrowly as possible. However, Sanford Levinson, a liberal law professor at the University of Texas, has written an article titled "The Embarrassing Second Amendment," where he argues that if one were to give the same broad interpretation to the 2nd Amendment that courts have given to the 1st Amendment (freedom of speech), then laws restricting the ownership of firearms are indeed unconstitutional. Conservative-Statist columnist George Will (author of *Statecraft as Soulcraft*) has proposed getting around this problem by repealing the 2nd Amendment.

Since the 1939 *Miller* case, the U. S. Supreme Court has refused to hear any challenges to gun control laws. Lower courts have usually ruled along narrow lines in gun control cases, or dismissed suits on the grounds that the plaintiff "lacks standing."

Now there is a case in the federal courts that is an absolutely airtight, direct challenge to federal gun control laws, such as the National Firearms Act of 1934 (upheld in *Miller*), the Gun Control Act of 1968, and the machine-gun ban amendment to the Volkmer-McClure Act of 1968. Under Connecticut law, all "unorganized militia" groups must register with the state government. Plaintiff Douglas Oefinger formed his own group, the "Free Connecticut Militia," registered it with the state of Connecticut, and applied to the Feds for permission to import M-14 selective fire service rifles (formerly used by all branches of the armed services and currently used by the Navy) for sale to members of his group.

As expected, the Feds refused. Oefinger responded with his lawsuit, which is absolutely airtight. The U. S. District Court in Connecticut has already ruled that Oefinger has legal standing and that the case is ripe for review. The court will either have to rule that the federal gun control laws are unconstitutional, or perform an incredible feat of legal gymnastics and rule that the 2nd Amendment doesn't mean what it says.

If the court rules in Oefinger's favor, it will probably also deal a fatal blow to state laws such as California's Roos-Roberti Law, an anti-semiautomatic law. The Gun Owners Foundation, a tax-deductible legal defense fund sponsored by Gun Owners of America, is backing Oefinger in this lawsuit. G. O. A. is hard-core on the gun issue, and its head, Larry Pratt, is fairly sympathetic to Libertarians. Every friend of liberty should contribute to this cause. Send your tax-deductible contribution to Gun Owners Foundation, 8001 Forbes Place, Springfield, VA 22151. Write "Oefinger Case" on the check and your contribution will go strictly to his lawsuit.

NEWS BRIEFS

★ We were prepared to write a story this month urging a boycott of Macy's, Bullocks, and I. Magnin stores due to their court challenge of Proposition 13. However, once Richard Gann, son of Prop. 13 co-author Paul Gann, called for such a boycott and customers starting sending cut-up charge cards to the president of Macy's, the company changed its mind and dropped the suit. Unfortunately, a suit filed by Los Angeles attorney Stephanie Nordlinger to force reassessments of residential property is likely to be heard by the U. S. Supreme Court. Nordlinger rightly complains that her property taxes are higher than those of neighbors who have lived there longer, but she fails to note that the demise of Prop. 13 would raise their taxes, not lower hers.

★ The California Supreme Court granted an 11th hour request by state legislators and temporarily blocked a provision of Proposition 140 that requires the Legislature to slash its operating expenses 38% by July 1. Assembly Speaker Willie Brown and Senate President pro tem David Roberti shrewdly declared that the legislative analyst and the auditor general, the two most important offices in the legislative staff, would be eliminated if the cutbacks took effect. They failed to note any wasteful spending that could be eliminated instead. After all, 62% of the legislature's budget is left. The court will rule on the constitutionality of the entire term limitation initiative this fall.

★ An additional \$50 billion to \$75 billion in taxpayers' money will be needed to continue the savings and loan bailout next year, according to Charles Bowsher, head of the General Accounting Office. That would bring the cost to more than triple the estimate of President Bush when he took office in 1989. "You're looking at \$150 billion through 1992," and the escalation is likely through 1993 and beyond, Bowsher told the Senate Banking Committee.

★ Santa Monica's rent control law was upheld by a 3-0 vote of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. A landlord group sponsored the suit, "hoping to mount a successful constitutional challenge to rent control in light of a change in the composition of the federal courts brought about by President Reagan's appointments," said a deputy city attorney. The court said arguments that rent control was economically damaging, did not help the poor, and was unjustified by any demonstrated evidence of housing shortages or rising rents in Santa Monica, were "misplaced."

★ Democrats in the U. S. Senate have unveiled a new plan to require all companies to offer their employees health insurance or pay a tax that could range as high as 8% of their total payroll. All companies with over 100 employees would have to comply immediately; those with under 100 employees would have up to five years to phase in the program. Revenues from the new tax would create a new federal program called "Ameri-Care," which would provide health insurance for the unemployed and poor.

★ A school district in Plumas County which is having trouble overcoming a \$400,000 budget deficit has now spent more than \$100,000 on boys and girls bathrooms at a one-room school in La Porte. The district has now spent \$101,855 on two bathrooms, a custodial closet, and a covered porch. If that's not amazing enough, the 12 students have yet to use the bathrooms. Critics of the project have now dubbed it the "La Porte-a-potty."

★ The U. S. Supreme Court dismissed *Geary v. Renne*, the case challenging California's ban on political parties endorsing candidates in non-partisan races, ruling that the plaintiffs did not have "standing" to sue. The Libertarian Party of California had filed an *amicus curiae* brief in the case. Justice Anthony Kennedy reasoned that since such endorsements have been made, but no parties have been prosecuted, no one suffered any adverse action that requires the relief of the court.

UPCOMING EVENTS

✓ **July 13 (Saturday):** Libertarian Hike/Bike Ride, 10:00 A.M., on the bike path from Palo Alto Baylands to Shoreline Park in Mountain View. Meet at Palo Alto Baylands visitor center, 0.3 miles off the Embarcadero exit of the 101 Freeway. Total distance: 15 miles. For information, contact Dave Wolen at (408) 378-3041. For other hikes in North Bay, contact Lloyd Licher at (415) 472-3294, in the East Bay, Brian Marrs at (415) 932-4284.

✓ **August 15-18:** Ron Paul's Bretton Woods II Conference, at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire. The first Bretton Woods conference was in August 1944, when globalists planned the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the death of the dollar, and a new world government. Ron Paul has assembled 16 monetary experts to tell participants about legal privacy strategies, overseas banking, new tax loopholes, how to lower your IRS audit profile, and much more. Cost is \$195. For information, contact Ron Paul & Associates, 1120 NASA Rd. 1, suite 104, Houston, TX 77058, phone (713) 333-4888.

✓ **August 19-24:** International Libertarian Conference, "Aspects of Liberty," at Elsinore, Denmark (yes, the same setting as "Hamlet"). Major topics of discussion will be the crumbling Scandinavian welfare state and the transition of Eastern European countries from communism to freer societies. Package that includes conference, meals and lodging costs \$490. For information, contact ISIL, 1800 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94102, phone (415) 864-0952.

✓ **August 29-September 1:** 1991 Libertarian Party Presidential Nominating Convention, "Liberty Triumphant," at the Downtown Chicago Marriott, 540 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois. The main business will be selection of our 1992 national ticket, election of party officers, platform debates, and many interesting speakers. Most of the convention will be aired on C-SPAN! Packages cost \$162.50, \$235, or \$325. For information, contact Liberty Triumphant, P. O. Box 0848, Chicago, IL 60690, phone (708) 475-0391.

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TAXES, TAXES, TAXES

by Dick Rider

We all know taxes have been increasing, but few know just how bad things are getting. Consider these facts:

- 1) Suppose you paid all your taxes during the first part of the year and then were allowed to keep what you earned thereafter. That date is known as Tax Freedom Day. In 1930 it was February 13th. In 1990 it was May 5th. This year it is May 8th. And if you don't think it can go higher, look at Sweden where the date is mid-September.
- 2) In 1948 the median family federal income tax was \$9. Yes, nine dollars! In 1990 the median family tax was about \$3,000.
- 3) In 1948 the maximum social security tax was \$30. In 1990 the maximum tax was \$3,924. For the self-employed, the maximum was \$7,848.
- 4) The federal deficit is understated because of off-budget antics. The correct way to measure the annual deficit is to compare the national debt at the beginning of the year with the debt at the end of the year. The difference is the real annual deficit. In 1990 this figure was \$427.2 billion. This year for the first time we will have a one half trillion annual deficit!
- 5) The total national debt on March 22, 1991 was \$3.448 trillion. It will exceed \$4 trillion inside 14 months. And this figure greatly understates the real debt because it does not include the massive unfunded pension liabilities or future bad debts such as the S&L debacle.
- 6) Increasing taxes does not close the deficit. On the contrary, studies indicate that since 1950 each \$1 increase in taxes has been accompanied by an average \$1.58 increase in the deficit. The most recent 1990 tax increases resulted in the deficit growing over \$1.90 for each \$1 of increased taxes.
- 7) In 1950 the California budget was less than \$1 billion. This year it will be at least \$55 billion, and the spenders tell us that we "need" about \$14 billion more. Per capita, California taxes have zoomed from \$92 in 1950 to \$1,934 in 1990, far exceeding inflation.
- 8) Inflation is an indirect tax imposed by government. The definition of inflation is higher prices resulting from the supply of money expanding more rapidly than the supply of goods and services. Government controls the supply of money. Government gains from inflation because it creates

false paper profits which can then be taxed (our country has the highest capital gains tax of any industrialized nation). For example, a \$10,000 asset which rises to \$20,000 because of 100% inflation is taxed upon sale as a capital gain, resulting in a \$3,500 (federal and California) tax windfall for government and a negative real return to the investor.

9) The inflation since 1948, caused by excessive government expansion of the money supply, results in us having to pay \$5.83 today to buy what a dollar would buy in 1948. Stated differently, a 1948 dollar is worth only 17.2 cents today. Nevertheless, tax levies have increased at a rate several times the rate of inflation.

Do we need even higher taxes? You be the judge.

LIBERTARIANS THROWN IN "LION'S DEN"

by Larry Leathers

Southern Californians may have seen over twenty Libertarians (comprising about 70% of the audience) debate CBS legal reporter Harvey Levin on a show "Harvey in the Lion's Den." The subject was "Should Prostitution be Legalized?" and was broadcast on KCBS on May 26.

I was "volunteered" for the job of obtaining the Libertarian participants by **Norma Jean Almodovar** because she was going to be out of town on the taping date. I spoke to Mr. Levin and the producer after the taping and they were very impressed by the number of debaters we were able to turn out and the quality of their input. The producer said he would like to be able to call on me to obtain guests for future shows.

We should take advantage of this opportunity to get our views broadcast on a network affiliate. If you think you could be available for a taping (usually Thursday evening in Hollywood), send me a letter or postcard with your name, address, and phone number. Include a list of at least three subjects you can debate, in order of preference and/or ability.

When I have received enough answers to get a handle on our best debate topics, I will send the producer a "thank you" letter and list the subjects he can call me about. Please send your information to: Larry Leathers, P.O. Box 3953, Gardena, CA 90247, phone (213) 542-1154.

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